



Lunenburg Public Schools

Loxi Jo Calmes
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
T. C. Passios, Room 13 - 7:00 p.m.

Agenda

School Committee
Gregory Berthiaume
Michael Mackin
Colleen Shapiro
Brendan Grady
Todd Blake

Superintendent
Loxi Jo Calmes

Recording Secretary
Mary Landi

Student Representative
Sophie Holman

Guests
Caryn Wardwell

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- * Call to Order – Dr. Berthiaume called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
 - * Chair's Report
 - * Review and Approve Minutes
 - October 2, 2013 Regular Session Minutes – Approved by Dr. Berthiaume.
 - * Review and Approve Warrants – Warrants were on the table for signatures. There was one line item transfer for special services equipment.
 - * Superintendent's Report
 - Mr. Londa reported on the Green Committee. The Green Committee is working on a project to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent. The initial submission will be for a 15 percent reduction. Funding for the plan will come from a variety of places, including grants from Unitil and energy rebates. This will be a five-year energy reduction program. The bulk of the work within the school district will focus on the middle school and primary school. Some work will also be done at the Brooks House. Mr. Londa reviewed the changes that he proposes for this project, many of which would save significant kilowatt hours each year. The plan is still being developed but should be finalized by the end of this week.
 - Superintendent Calmes reported that she and Mr. Spadafino attended the Lunenburg Athletic Hall of Fame this past Sunday. It was a very informative and a proud moment for the community. The superintendent expressed her appreciation to the Hall of Fame committee.
 - Sophie Holman was introduced as the student representative, in Abbie Clark's absence. Sophie will be the student rep starting in January.
 - * Student Representative's Report – Ms. Holman reported the following:
 - Homecoming is October 26. The parade starts at 1:00, and the football game will be at 3:00.
 - The Spanish club is sponsoring a coat drive. Homerooms will be collecting the coats and they will be donated to shelters.
 - The sophomores and juniors took PSATs today.
 - * School Building Committee Report – Mr. Mackin reported on the School Building Committee. A working group meeting was recently held. The group is looking at finding cost savings. The SBC continues its efforts

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to inform the public. Ms. Shapiro will host an open house/coffee at her home on Friday. The first public forum is scheduled for October 30 at 7:00 p.m. at LHS. Mr. Mackin and Superintendent Calmes will also be at the public library on November 16 from 10:00 to 2:00 to answer any questions community members may have. Additional public forums will be held on December 5 at 3:00 in LHS café and at 7:00 in the LHS auditorium. Mr. Mackin attended the pancake breakfast at the Eagle House last week and answered questions from interested parties. The working group will meet again on October 24.

* New Business

a. Consideration of a student trip to New York City – Ms. Caryn Wardwell and Ms. Jennie Whitcomb addressed the committee to present a proposed trip to NYC, 2 nights and 3 days, from February 28 to March 2, 2014. The trip will include performance opportunities, sightseeing, and other educational experiences. The estimated cost is \$665 per person, but that is with the chaperones paying nothing. The price may change depending on the number of students going on the trip. The last trip was very well received and Superintendent Calmes recommended initial approval of the trip. With 55 students there would be chaperones for a 10:1 ratio (including Ms. Katz, Mr. Spadafino, and a nurse). A citrus drive is currently underway as a fundraiser for the trip. The Musicaiders will support the trip financially as well. Ms. Wardwell will return to the committee to seek final approval 30 days prior to trip. Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to grant initial approval. Vote: unanimous.

b. Donations

- Connor Lourens Memorial Fund - \$2,000 for trips (Nature's Classroom, Washington DC)
- Nature's Classroom donations: Lunenburg Community Council, Janice Carrier, Lions Club, Lizek Family
- Target \$180.59 – THMS/Primary (unrestricted gift fund)

Mr. Mackin moved and Ms. Shapiro seconded a motion to accept all donations with gratitude. Vote: unanimous.

c. Paraprofessional Association Negotiations – Superintendent Calmes indicated that she is in receipt of a letter from the Paraprofessionals Association to begin negotiations. Mr. Blake volunteered to be the school committee representative on the negotiations team. Dr. Berthiaume volunteered to be the back-up representative.

d. First Reading - Bullying Plan/Policy Update – Superintendent Calmes informed the committee that the anti-bullying policy has been updated to include staff. The superintendent highlighted the changes to the policy. The policy will be posted on the website; feedback is welcome. If a policy sub-committee meeting cannot be scheduled prior to the next school committee meeting, Dr. Berthiaume suggested the committee reconsider the current policy committee configuration.

e. Discard Excess Equipment – Superintendent Calmes stated that Ms. Victoria Whipple has 410 books that she has deemed as excess equipment due to age/condition/unattractive format. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to declare the books excess equipment to be discarded. Vote: unanimous.

* Old Business

* Public Comment – None.

* Reports

a. Finance Committee – SBC presented to the Finance Committee at the last meeting. They reviewed financing terms for the proposed new school.

b. School Councils – The Primary School Council meets on October 30.

c. PTO – Ms. Shapiro reported the PTO will meet on Monday, October 21. It is working to pull together the haunted house event.

d. Policy Sub-Committee

e. Capital Planning Committee – The school personnel will meet with the CPC on November 7.

f. Wellness Advisory Committee

g. PAC/SAL – Superintendent Calmes reported that Tiger will be back again this year. They are working on establishing dates for performances.

h. Building Re-use Committee – The group will meet next Monday. They are in the process of looking at all the town buildings.

i. Other

- * Items for Future Discussion – Scheduling of workshop meetings.
- * Executive Session - M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B [3] To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining or litigating position. None.
- * Adjournment – At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Mackin moved and Mr. Blake seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vote: unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Landi
Recording Secretary

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